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Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document. Also enclosed is a translation of the abstract of the non-English language document. It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

It is noted that this document was cited on PTO Form 1449 that was submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2000 was returned to Applicants' representative with the Office Action. However, the document listed herein was not initialed. Accordingly, Applicants are not submitting new matter, but are complying with their duty of disclosure. The document cited herein was cited but not relied upon by the Examiner in the parent Application Serial No. 09/247,395 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,187,045).

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Respectfully submitted,

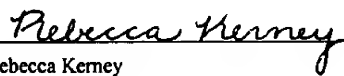


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